

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress to pass a balanced, well-funded, multi-year federal highway program which provides connectivity and mobility to both rural and urban areas.

WHEREAS, Congress has not yet enacted legislation providing for a multi-year reauthorization of the federal highway program, hampering the ability of our state to plan and deliver needed surface transportation improvements to the citizens of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota serves as a bridge for truck and personal traffic between other states, advancing interstate commerce and mobility; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota's transportation system supports agricultural exports and serves the nation's domestic energy industries like wind generation and ethanol production, located largely in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota's surface transportation system serves as a lifeline for remotely located and economically challenged citizens, such as those living on tribal reservations; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota's transportation system enables people and business to traverse the vast acres of sparsely populated land that is characteristic of the western United States; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota's transportation system provides access to the scenic wonders of Badlands National Park and of Mt. Rushmore and provides a major connection to national parks in other states; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota has a vast and extensive highway system that serves national as well as state transportation needs, has very few citizens to finance the highway system's maintenance and improvement, and has one of the highest per capita levels of effort in funding transportation in the nation; and

WHEREAS, because of all the factors listed above, it is essential that South Dakota's transportation system receive a proportion of the national funding equivalent to what it has received in the SAFETEA-LU reauthorization of the federal highway program to keep the state and the nation connected:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota

Legislature strongly supports prompt enactment of a well-funded, multi-year federal surface transportation program that includes a highway funding formula share that is at least as favorable to South Dakota as the current formula in SAFETEA-LU; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and to each member of South Dakota's congressional delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

January 13, 2010
January 19, 2010

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Speaker of the House

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